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In re Application of: )  
Kiyoshi Sato )  
Serial No. To Be Assigned )  
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For: Magnetic Head Including a Gap-depth )  
Defining Layer on Protruding Layer and )  
Method for Manufacturing the Same )

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Pursuant to the obligation under 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, Applicant hereby submits reference A1 listed on the attached form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner. A copy of the reference is enclosed herewith.

Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2001-319311 discloses an upper core layer which is relatively flat, and a gap-depth defining layer is formed.

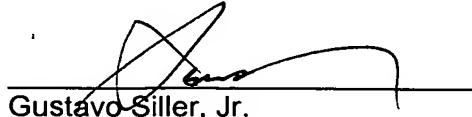
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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of this document and make it of record.

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## **REFERENCE DESIGNATION**

## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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